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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE OF EPA REP AT BAGHDAD CONFERENCE ON MARINE

ENVIRONMENT

REF: (A) USINT BAGHDAD 0865, (B) MANAMA 1076, (C) STATE 085971, (D) DHAHRAN 0590 (NOTAL)

1. UNDP HAS PROVIDED US WITH PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO JUNE 13-20 EXPERTS MEETING ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT TO BE HELD IN BAGHDAD. DOCUMENTUS (UNEP/WG.10/1,2,3,INF.) INCLUDE ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA, REPORT ON THE JAN 24-28 BAHRAIN REGIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING OF LEGAL EXPERTS ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, DRAFT KUWAIT REGIONAL CONVENTION FOR COOPERATION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM POLLUTION, AND LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE. COPIES BEING POUCHED TO USINT BAGHDAD MAY 24 AND EMBASSY MANAMA AND NEA/ARP MAY 25.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BAGHDAD WAS SELECTED AS SITE ONLY AFTER NUMBER OF GULF COUNTRIES DECLINED TO SPONSOR MEETING. IT NOW APPEARS THAT MINISTERIAL MEETING ON PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM POLLUTION WILL BE HELD IN KUWAIT IN PERIOD BETWEEN SEPT 29 AND OCTOBER 7. WE ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING PROPOSED TECHNICAL SERVICES MISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL EITHER DURING OR RIGHT AFTER MINISTERIAL MEETING. HOWEVER KUWAIT GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP FOR SUCH A MISSION OR SEMINAR IS NOT CERTAIN, AND PLANNING FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL DEPEND TO SOME DEGREE ON RESULTS OF BAGHDAD MEETING. THEREFORE WE SUPPORT ATTENDANCE BY EPA REP AT BAGHDAD MEETING, AS THIS SHOULD GIVE US BETTER IDEA OF PLANS FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING AND WHETHER SCHEDULING PROPOSED MISSION TO COINCIDE WITH IT IS SENSIBLE.

3. USDOC SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT WE COULD NOT HANDLE MISSION/SEMINAR IN SEPT. 29- OCT 7 PERIOD FOLLOWED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BY PROCESS CONTROLS SEMINAR MISSION OCT. 11-16. SEPTEL ON PROCESS CONTROLS SEMINAR IN LIGHT OF DHAHRAN'S THOUGHT-PROVOKING CABLE ON SUBJECT (REF D) WILL FOLLOW. SUTHERLAND

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